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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 525
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike "**Baltimore City**" and substitute "**Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and State Board of Elections**"; strike beginning with "**Voting**" in line 2 down through "**Place**" in line 3 and substitute "**Ballot Drop Box**"; in line 4, after "to" insert "provide a certain drop box for eligible voters and to monitor the ballot drop box in a certain manner; requiring the Baltimore City centralized booking facility to"; in line 5, strike "information and instructions" and substitute "notifications"; in line 6, strike "and the local board of elections for Baltimore City"; in line 8, after "materials" insert ", the ballot drop box,"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 8 down through "centers;" in line 13 and substitute "requiring the State to pay for the ballot drop box; requiring the Baltimore City centralized booking facility to cooperate with the State Board in a certain manner for a certain purpose;"; strike beginning with "and" in line 14 down through "place" in line 15 and substitute "in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide a certain drop box and certain notifications"; strike beginning with "requiring" in line 15 down through "appropriate;" in line 17 and substitute "requiring the State Board to provide the ballot drop box to the Baltimore City centralized booking facility in time to allow eligible voters certain opportunity to submit certain materials before certain deadlines; requiring the local board of elections for Baltimore City to provide staff to collect certain election–related materials on a certain basis and the ballot drop box after a certain deadline; requiring the local board of elections for Baltimore City to distribute certain election–related materials collected from the ballot drop box in a certain manner;"; in line 18, strike "the State Board,"; strike beginning with the second comma in line 18 down through "jointly" in line 19; in line 20, strike "plan" and substitute "report"; in the same line, after "date" insert "each year"; strike beginning with "the" in line 21 down through "place" in line 22 and substitute "a ballot drop box"; strike

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beginning with "Dissemination" in line 26 down through "Information" in line 27 and substitute "Ballot Drop Box"; and after line 29, insert:

"BY adding to
 Article - Election Law
 Section 1-303.1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)".

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 10, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2
 On page 2, in line 14, strike "**DISSEMINATION OF VOTER INFORMATION**" and substitute "**BALLOT DROP BOX**"; after line 20, insert:

 "**(3)** **"ELECTION–RELATED MATERIALS"** MEANS DOCUMENTS AND OTHER ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REGISTERING FOR AND VOTING IN AN ELECTION, INCLUDING:

 (I) ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS;

 (II) ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND

 (III) VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS.";

in line 21, strike "**(3)**" and substitute "**(4)**"; strike beginning with "**DISSEMINATE**" in line 26 down through "**ELECTION**" in line 29 and substitute "**PROVIDE A SECURE, DESIGNATED BALLOT DROP BOX FROM THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS SO THAT THEY MAY EASILY SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ELECTION–RELATED MATERIALS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR A LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS:**

> **(I)** ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS;
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> **(II)** ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND
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> **(III)** VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS;
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> **(2)** MONITOR THE BALLOT DROP BOX PROVIDED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION 24 HOURS A DAY AND 7 DAYS A WEEK";

in line 30, strike "**(2)**" and substitute "**(3)**"; in the same line, strike "**INSTRUCTIONS**" and substitute "**NOTIFICATIONS**"; and strike beginning with "**EARLY**" in line 31 down through "**ELECTION**" in line 32 and substitute "**HOW AND WHEN TO USE THE BALLOT DROP BOX PROVIDED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION**".

On page 3, in line 1, after "**(C)**" insert "**(1)**"; strike beginning with "**AND**" in line 1 down through the first "**CITY**" in line 2; in line 4, after "**(1)**" insert "**THE BALLOT DROP BOX AND**"; in the same line, after "**WRITTEN**" insert "**NOTIFICATION**"; in lines 4 and 6, strike "**(1)**" and "**(2)**", respectively, and substitute "**(I)**" and "**(II)**", respectively; after line 7, insert:

> "**(2)** THE STATE SHALL PAY FOR THE BALLOT DROP BOX.
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> **(D)** THE BALTIMORE CITY CENTRALIZED BOOKING FACILITY SHALL COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN IMPLEMENTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.";

and after line 8, insert:

"**1-303.1.**

(A)   (1)   IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE
MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2)   "BALTIMORE CITY CENTRALIZED BOOKING FACILITY" MEANS
THE CENTRALIZED BOOKING FACILITY IN BALTIMORE CITY THAT IS OPERATED
BY THE DIVISION OF PRETRIAL DETENTION AND SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

(3)   "ELECTION–RELATED MATERIALS" MEANS DOCUMENTS AND
OTHER ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REGISTERING FOR AND VOTING IN AN
ELECTION, INCLUDING:

(I)   ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS;

(II)   ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND

(III)   VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS.

(4)   "ELIGIBLE VOTER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I)   IS INCARCERATED AT THE BALTIMORE CITY
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FACILITY; AND

(II)   HAS THE RIGHT TO VOTE UNDER STATE LAW.

(B)   THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS IN COLLABORATION
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES TO
PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING AT THE BALTIMORE CITY CENTRALIZED BOOKING

FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-501 OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
ARTICLE:

(1)   A SECURE, DESIGNATED BALLOT DROP BOX FOR ELECTION–
RELATED MATERIALS; AND

(2)   WRITTEN NOTIFICATIONS ON HOW AND WHEN ELIGIBLE
VOTERS MAY USE THE BALLOT DROP BOX.

(C)   (1)   THE STATE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE THE BALLOT DROP BOX
UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO THE BALTIMORE CITY
CENTRALIZED BOOKING FACILITY IN TIME TO ALLOW ELIGIBLE VOTERS
SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT ELECTION–RELATED MATERIALS BEFORE
ANY ELECTION–RELATED DEADLINES.

(2)   THE LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
SHALL PROVIDE STAFF TO COLLECT:

(I)   ELECTION–RELATED MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO THE
BALLOT DROP BOX ON AT LEAST A WEEKLY BASIS; AND

(II)   THE BALLOT DROP BOX AFTER AN ELECTION–RELATED
DEADLINE.

(3)   THE LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE ELECTION–RELATED MATERIALS COLLECTED FROM THE
BALLOT DROP BOX TO THE STATE BOARD OR A LOCAL BOARD, AS APPROPRIATE
AND IN A TIMELY MANNER.

(D)   ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, THE LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE CITY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE BALLOT DROP BOX, DISAGGREGATED BY EACH WEEKLY COLLECTION FROM THE BALLOT DROP BOX AND BY THE STATE BOARD OR THE LOCAL BOARD THAT IS THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OF THE ELECTION–RELATED MATERIALS:

(1)   THE NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED;

(2)   ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED; AND

(3)   OTHER ELECTION–RELATED MATERIALS RECEIVED.".

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 2 on page 4 through line 12 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 13, strike "3." and substitute "2.".